1	2	3	4	5	6
Punjab	50362	44	1137	1181	2.34
Rajasthan	342239	11860	17652	29512	8.62
Sikkim	7096	5452	389	5841	88.31
Tamil Nadu	130058	19388	2183	21571	16.58
Tripura	10486	3588	664	4252	40.54
Uttar Pradesh	240928	11078	2425	13503	5.60
Uttaranchal	53483	23827	10673	34500	64.50
West Bengal	88752	7054	3772	10826	12.19
Andaman & Nicobar	8249	2929	4242	7171	86.93
Chandigarh	114	31	0	31	27.19
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	491	199	5	204	41.54
Daman & Diu	112	0	1	1	0.89
Lakshadweep	32	0	0	0	0.00
Pondicherry	480	0	0	0	0.00
TOTAL	3287263	399919	238434	638353	19.41

Violation of wildlife laws

†1238. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the laws related to wildlife are being violated on a large scale as a result of which Government's schemes related to wildlife are getting adversely affected;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of violations of wildlife laws that took place during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these laws are being violated by influential persons and the accused get escaped easily due to pressure from Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Madam. Ministry has not received any report of large scale violation of wildlife laws due to which the Government schemes for wildlife are getting affected adversely.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) [illegible] of the violation of wildlife laws are being collected from the states.

(c) The prosecution of all the cases related to the violation of wildlife laws is taken up by the respective State Governments strictly as per the existing legal provisions without any exception.

Reconstitution of Environmental Assessment Expert Committee

1239. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs had written letter to his Ministry alleging that Environmental Assessment Expert Committee be reconstituted as most of its members are not environmental experts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government has received a copy of a note circulated by some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on the composition of the existing Expert Committees. These NGO's have been critical of the composition of the existing committees from the point of view of the regional representation, lack of multi-disciplinary expertise and inadequate representation of all stakeholders including women.

Indirasagar Project

1240. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has started construction and other works on Indirasagar Project without getting forest clearance;

(b) whether it involves forest including wildlife sanctuary; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry to save forest, bio-diversity, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Forest clearance has not been granted so far for diversion of forest land forming part of Indirasagar Project. No work of the project has been carried out on forest land.